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IMAGE SHOOTING APPARATUS  
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**AMENDMENT**

The following is an Amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2005, which provides for a response period ending September 17, 2005.

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Amendment dated September 15, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of June 17, 2005

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: